

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists
Board Meeting
10:00 A.M., August 21, 2008
Synergy Business Park, Saluda Building
101 Executive Center Drive, Temporary Room 111
Columbia, South Carolina

Meeting Called to Order

Jason Terry, Chairman, of Charleston, called the regular meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Geologists to order at 10:02 a.m. Other members present for the meeting included: Vernon T. Ichimura, PhD., Vice-Chairman, of Aiken; Craig Kennedy, of Columbia; and Richard D. Warner, PhD., of Clemson.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator and Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Terry announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Board of Registration for Geologists office, Synergy Business Park, Saluda Building and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Approval of Excused Absences

All members were present.

Approval of May 29, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Kennedy noted two changes to the footer in the minutes.

MOTION

Dr Warner made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ichimura and unanimously carried, that the Board approve the minutes of the May 29, 2008 meeting as amended.

Chairman's Remarks – Jason Terry

Mr. Terry made no remarks at this time.

Administrator's Remarks –Lenora Addison-Miles

Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Sharon Dantzler, Office of General Counsel

Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office

There were no advisory opinions or legislative update given during the August 21, 2008 meeting.

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated the mileage rate has increased from 0.445¢ per mile to 0.505¢ per mile. She noted this change has been reflected in the members' travel documents.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business for discussion.

New Business

Licensure via Reciprocity and/or Endorsement

Richard Mayer, Jr.

On July 29, 2008 the Board received a license application via reciprocity and/or endorsement from Richard Mayer, Jr. Mr. Mayer received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from the University of Buffalo in September 2002 and a Master of Science Degree in Hydrogeology from Clemson University in May 2006. He became licensed as a professional geologist in North Carolina via the ASBOG exam in May 2008 and as a geologist-in-training in South Carolina in 2006. His file is complete.

Discussion ensued regarding his years of experience with ARCADIS US, Inc. and Bunnell-Lawmons Engineering.

MOTION

Dr. Warner made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ichimura and unanimously carried, that the Board accept Mr. Mayer's application.

Kathleen Roush

On June 6, 2008 the Board received a license application via reciprocity and/or endorsement from Kathleen Roush. Ms. Roush received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from the California State University, Northridge in May 1983 and a Master of Science Degree in Hydrogeology from the California State University, Northridge in May 1986. She became licensed in California via the California state exam in June 1991. She is also licensed in North Carolina and Georgia. North Carolina and Georgia granted Ms. Roush licensure by reciprocity from California. Her file is complete.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ichimura and unanimously carried, that the Board approve Ms. Roush for licensure.

Berkley Tracy

On August 5, 2008 the Board received a license application via reciprocity and/or endorsement from Berkley Tracy. Mr. Tracy received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from the University of Georgia in June 1998 and a Master of Science Degree in Geology from the University of Georgia in May 2001. He is licensed as a professional geologist in Georgia and Tennessee. Staff received an additional professional reference since the agendas were mailed. His file is missing license verification from Georgia.

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura made a motion, seconded by Dr. Warner and unanimously carried, that the Board approve Mr. Tracy for licensure pending receipt of license verification from Georgia.

Ryan Turner

On July 11, 2008 the Board received a license application via reciprocity and/or endorsement from Ryan Turner. Mr. Turner received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Earth Sciences in March 1982 and a Master of Science Degree in Geological Sciences from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in May 1985. He is currently licensed as a professional geologist in North Carolina, Virginia, California, Texas, and Mississippi. He became licensed in Texas by exams taken in North Carolina and California. His file is complete.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ichimura and unanimously carried, that the Board approve Mr. Turner for licensure.

Paul Van Alstyne

On March 31, 2008 the Board received a license application via reciprocity and/or endorsement from Paul C. Van Alstyne. Mr. Alstyne received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in December 1996. His application states he is currently licensed as a professional geologist in Georgia; however, staff has not yet received license verification from Georgia.

MOTION

Dr. Warner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy and unanimously carried, that the Board approve Mr. Turner's application pending receipt of license verification from Georgia.

ASBOG Charter and Bylaws - Amendments

Mrs. Addison-Miles e-mailed the proposed ASBOG charter and bylaws amendments to the Board members in June 2008. The item was placed on the agenda for the Board's discussion.

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy that the Board authorize the South Carolina delegate to the annual ASBOG meeting to vote in favor of the proposed amendments to the charter and the bylaws. Discussion ensued regarding proposed amendment five regarding Article 4 in the charter and proposed amendment 11 in the bylaws regarding nominations from the floor.

Dr. Ichimura withdrew his motion at this time and the Board determined it would hold a conference call on this matter at a later date.

Newsletter

Mrs. Addison-Miles informed the Board that she has received articles regarding the continuing education audit and the fundamentals exam for the newsletter. The Board determined it would produce articles on chairman's remarks, exam results, new registrants, and the number of renewals. The newsletter would also focus on a Board policy.

2009 Proposed Meeting Dates

Staff presented the following proposed 2009 meeting dates to the Board for their review.

February 5, 2009 May 14, 2009 August 6, 2009 December 10, 2009

The Board approved the proposed 2009 meeting dates.

Public Comments

There were no public comments made during the August 21, 2008 meeting.

Executive Session

The Board did not enter executive session during the August 21, 2008 meeting.

Mr. Kennedy discussed the regulations on drilling from rigs.

The Board discussed amending the professional reference forms to state a minimum amount of time the professional geologist or engineer has known the applicant.

MOTION

Dr. Warner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy and unanimously carried, that the Board amend question 15 on the application to state, "List the names of three geologists or engineers who have known you for a minimum of one year and can attest to your character, reputation, responsibility, integrity and competence."

Adjournment

The August 21, 2008 meeting of the S.C. Board of Registration for Geologists adjourned at 11:50 a.m.